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2. Representative Mineta asked a number of questions about CIA relations with the press in the context of Congressman Aspin's recent hearings on this issue. All questions were answered in a factual manner and no problems developed out of this exchange. The questions focused on such items as, "How do you define a stringer?" etc.



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BRIEFING OF REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN Y. MINETA

[D-CALIFORNIA] ON HIS INQUIRIES CONCERNING

COPLEY PRESS AND THE RIDDER

NEWSPAPERS

1. CONFIDENTIALITY WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

A. COVER.

B. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.

C. INTELLIGENCE.

2. PRIVATE SECTOR INCLUDED THE PRESS UNTIL
FEBRUARY 1976 POLICY WHICH INITIATED BY DCI BUSH AND
WHICH PRECLUDES THE USE OF U.S. PRESS PERSONNEL AS
AGENTS.

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3. NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947 - "THE DIRECTOR
SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING INTELLIGENCE
SOURCES AND METHODS FROM UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES."

4. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THAT INVESTIGATED
CIA IN 1975 AND 1976 DID NOT REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF
COOPERATING INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHEN NO
IMPROPRIETIES WERE INVOLVED.

5. COULD WE KNOW WHAT IS WANTED?

6. WE NOT IN TOUCH.

